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The reply filed on April 1, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The claims as currently amended are now directed to an invention [claims now drawn to the combination of an escutcheon and a panel on an appliance door] that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Original claims 1 & 7 were directed towards "an escutcheon". Applicant previously elected the subcombination invention, while the combination invention was withdrawn. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally resented invention, this application has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 4-5 & 7-9 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP 821.03, and CFR 1.111. Applicant is directed to re-submit the amendment claiming the original subject matter i.e., just the subcombination of an escutcheon so as to constitute a proper response to the last Office Action. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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